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### EDUCATIONAL REFORM.

The opening of the Summer School yesterday was most successful, and President Dole in his address struck the right note when he said "the education the pupils are receiving is not fitting them for practical life," and again "the pupils after leaving school were applying for positions as clerks or as government employees."

An article published in these columns yesterday analyzed what had been the success in the Kamehameha schools, which are professedly industrial schools. We cannot then expect much from the public schools, which do not profess to instruct children in the mechanical arts, whose teachers are in most cases incapable of giving such instruction and whose equipment barely extends to a single spade and a hammer.

Hawaii is not alone in the complaint of over mental education with no manual training. The United States from one end to the other is complaining about it. So is a large section of Great Britain. It is a crying evil in France and is the cause of discontent in Russia. Sweden and Norway have made a slight attempt to solve the problem, and very naturally the Germans, with their strong common sense, have started to grapple with the evil.

It is one thing, however, to point out that things are wrong, that we spend a great deal of money to obtain certain results and then find that we have signally failed. In point of fact it is the easiest thing in the world to find fault. It is a totally different thing to reform and to convince people that they should accept the reform proposed. There is such an amount of prejudice to overcome, such a mass of useless lumber to sweep away, that the task is Herculean, and it is only a man or a woman with the self abnegation and the enthusiasm of one of the great prophets, one of those apparently heaven born leaders of mankind, who will be able to initiate and lay the foundations of the reform.

It is a good thing that the feeling of dissatisfaction is abroad. It will gradually spread till the reformer steps forward, and, with the ground prepared, will give us what we need and what we are hoping for.

Upon the suicide of the Chinaman in the Insane Asylum there was no inquest. A police official investigated and considered that the reasons for death were obvious. The man hanged himself with two pieces of linen. Would there be no reason for inquiry if the same official found a woman with her head mashed in by a flat iron? In that case also the reasons for death would be obvious. In all cases of sudden death The Star has always maintained that there should be inquiry, much more should there be inquiry when the death is by violence, whether self inflicted or not. For the sake of the officials of the asylum there should have been an inquest. They should, by the verdict of the jury, be cleared of all blame. As the case now stands, this Chinaman was known to be suffering from melancholy. Such patients have a predisposition to suicide. It might be asked why were not precautions taken which would have prevented the deed. There is nothing official to prove that they were taken.

### TAXES.

If the war lasts for a year, it has been estimated that the total expenditure on the part of the United States will amount to between \$600,000,000 and \$700,000,000. Consequently preparations had to be made for this extraordinary expenditure and on July 1st the war taxes, which had been passed by Congress, came into practical operation.

The United States papers praise, criticize, blame the various sections according to the complexion of their politics. It is impossible to make an exhaustive analysis in these columns, but there are some salient features which are worthy of consideration.

Take the tax on inheritance. The principle of progressive taxation is put into force with a vengeance and runs up to fifteen per cent in some cases. The exact wording of the schedule is interesting and worthy of study by those who care for such matters, and the principles which underlie them. The inheritance taxes form a

portion of the group under Schedule B, and are as follows:

**Inheritance Taxes.**—Legacies and distributive shares of personal property—over \$10,000 and less than \$25,000. Beneficiary lineal issue or ancestor, brother or sister of decedent, 75 cents for each \$100. Beneficiary descendant of brother or sister of decedent, \$1.50 per \$100. Beneficiary, brother or sister of father or mother deceased, or descendant of same, \$3 per \$100. Beneficiary brother or sister of grandfather or grandmother deceased, or descendant of same, \$4 per \$100. Beneficiary, further removed by blood, stranger in blood, or body politic or corporate, \$5 per \$100. Legacies or property passing by will or law to husband or wife of deceased are exempted.

On legacies of \$25,000 to \$100,000 the tax is multiplied by 1½; \$100,000 to \$500,000, multiplied by 2; \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 multiplied by 2½; exceeding \$1,000,000, by 3.

All this is a step towards income tax. Let people understand that the state can tax wealth which passes from one individual to another, and that it can be legally taxed in progressive ratio, and the lesson that incomes can be taxed is soon taught, and that they also can be taxed in progressive ratio. The world moves, and every now and again it moves in the direction of improvement. There is nothing the people of the earth need more than improvement in taxation methods. It is for the enlightened nations of the earth to show how such improvements should be made. It is not the volume of taxation in a country that is burdensome, it is the utter inequality of burden that galls.

There are men who devote themselves to educating the people upon these points, but the process is slow, and many will fall, or will give up the fight, before the goal is reached. One of the steps toward the millennium will be the equality of burdens.

With the steamer leaving San Francisco on the 6th or 7th it is hardly possible that we shall have news of the close of the annexation debate. There is a certain time that will be occupied in speeches against the annexation movement, and that time will not be curtailed. The best informed in the matter here say that the vote cannot be taken earlier than the eighth of the month. But as to results there is nothing to fear, annexation is coming just as surely as the sun rises in the East had sets in the West. In a very few days we shall know that we are integral portion of the United States. Probably the Philadelphia may bring the news and hoist the flag.

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EDWARD CLARK, M.D., City Hall Physician.

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